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QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

QUESTION OF ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

Report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

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Indonesia

Information reviewed and transmitted to the Government

204. The Working Group's activities in relation to Indonesia are recorded in its last ten reports to the Commission. 1/

205. During the period under review, the Working Group did not transmit any newly reported cases of disappearance to the Government of Indonesia, but retransmitted two cases reflecting the source's comments on the Government's reply.

206. By letters dated 28 June and 20 September 1990, the Government was notified that two cases were now considered clarified, one based on its reply and the other on the basis of further information provided by the source.

207. In its communication of 28 June 1990, the Working Group also reminded the Government of all outstanding cases.

Information and views received from relatives of missing persons or from non-governmental organizations

208. In a letter dated 12 July 1990, the source provided the respective family's comments on the Government's reply that two missing persons had been released from detention on 18 August 1984. According to the family, the two brothers were known to be still in Laksusda/Bakorstanasda custody on the alleged date of their release.

209. By its communication dated 3 September 1990, Amnesty International advised the Group that it had learned that one missing person was in jail and might face charges of alleged involvement with the resistance. He had last been seen in May 1989 in the custody of the security forces.

210. During the year, the Working Group also received reports of a general nature from Amnesty International, as well as from two other non-governmental organizations, the Canada-Asia Working Group and the Acheh/Sumatra National Liberation Front. Concern was expressed that no mechanism yet existed for the systematic public reporting of human rights violations, including those on East Timor.

211. No written information on the human rights situation in East Timor had emerged since the papal visit of October 1989, and there was allegedly justifiable fear that those who did report such violations would themselves become victims. The Indonesian Government's continued restrictions on access to East Timor by international human rights observers severely compromised the right to promote human rights in that territory. Many of the persons who had been reported as disappeared had allegedly been held in unacknowledged military or police detention.

Statistical summary

I.	Cases reported to have occurred in 1990	0
II.	Outstanding cases	38
III.	Total number of cases transmitted to the Government by the Working Group	73
IV.	Government responses:	
	(a) Number of cases on which the Government has provided one or more specific responses	27
	(b) Cases clarified by the Government's responses a/	23
V.	Cases clarified by non-governmental sources b/	12 c/

a/ Persons detained in prison: 6
Persons currently residing in named villages: 17.

b/ Persons found to be alive: 8
Persons in prison: 2
Persons killed: 2.

c/ Three cases clarified by both the Government and the source are included in IV(b) only.

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Information reviewed and transmitted to the Government

212. The Working Group's activities in relation to the Islamic Republic of Iran are recorded in its last nine reports to the Commission. 1/

213. During the period under review, the Working Group transmitted 58 newly reported cases of disappearance to the Government of Iran, seven of which were reported to have occurred in 1990. One of these cases was transmitted by cable dated 25 July 1990, under the urgent action procedure. However, by letter dated 20 September 1990, the Government was notified that this case had been considered clarified by the Group on the basis of information received from the source. As regards the 45 newly reported cases transmitted by the Working Group on 14 December 1990, in accordance with its methods of work, it must be understood that the Government could not respond prior to the adoption of the present report.

214. In accordance with the decision taken at the Working Group's thirtieth session, by letter dated 28 June 1990, the Working Group reminded the Government of the 393 outstanding cases transmitted in the past, in the earnest hope that all possible efforts would be made to clarify them.